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In re application of

Byron G. Merrell et al.

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Examiner:

Alexis A. Wachtel

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of September 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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